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REMARKS

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1. On 26 February 1952, the barracks installation north of Berlinerstrasse, Prenzlau (N 54/Q 14), appeared to be occupied to capacity. Most of the soldiers seen there wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and a few artillery insignia. Six JS tanks leaving the installation. Trucks which appeared to be returning from a long drive carried 16 to 20 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets each. In the afternoon of 29 February, the installation was only about half occupied by an estimated 400 to 500 troops. Trucks seen leaving and entering the installation.

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2. On 26 February 1952, the barracks installation south of Berlinerstrasse was occupied almost to capacity by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, partly with tank insignia. Four 37-mm AT guns were parked in the yard. This barracks installation had also been occupied to about only half its capacity in the afternoon of 29 February. Two rather muddy T-34/85 tanks stood in the barracks yard.

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- * Comment. The small numbers of troops in the two barracks installations in Prenzlau on 29 February may have been due to the increased training activity at Templin since 23 February 1952. Three troop trains which probably carried, among others, units from Prenzlau including tanks of the 25th Tank Div, arrived in Templin.

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